



McDowell Sonoran Preserve

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Open Sunrise to Sunset



TRAIL GUIDE

Name	Length (mi / km)	Difficulty Rating	Elev. Change (ft / m)
104 th St	0.8 / 1.3	●	80 / 24
* 136 th St	1.6 / 2.5	◆	804 / 241
Anasazi Spur	0.5 / 0.8	●	71 / 21
! Bell Pass	3.2 / 5.1	◆	1202 / 361
* Bajada	0.4 / 0.6	○	43 / 13
Caballo	0.4 / 0.6	●	59 / 18
Desert Park	3.1 / 5.0	●	606 / 182
! East End	1.3 / 2.0	◆◆	1041 / 312
Equestrian Bypass	0.7 / 1.2	●	41 / 12
Feldspar	0.7 / 1.2	●	137 / 42
Gateway Loop	3.6 / 5.8	◇	625 / 188
Horseshoe	0.7 / 1.1	●	101 / 30
Levee	1.0 / 1.6	●	234 / 70
Lookout	0.5 / 0.7	●	168 / 51
Lost Dog	2.6 / 4.2	■	380 / 114
Marcus Land Slide	2.3 / 3.6	◇	280 / 85

* No horses or bikes.

! Experienced horse and bike riders only.



During the hotter months when the temperature and or humidity is high, trails will be rated at least one level higher

Rating Symbol	Brief Definition	Surface	Grade	Obstacles /Steps
 easiest	Paved Accessible Trail	Paved or hard and smooth		None
 easy	Mostly smooth and wide	Dirt with occasional unevenness		2" or less, rocks and ruts
 moderate	Mostly smooth, variable width	Dirt with occasional unevenness		<8" rocks and ruts, loose material
 mod. difficult	Mostly uneven surfaces	Dirt and rock		<12" rocks and ruts, loose material
 difficult	Long rocky segments with possible drops and exposure	Dirt and loose rock with continual unevenness		12" or taller, loose rocks, exposure to drops
 extremely difficult	Long rocky segments with possible drops and exposure	Dirt and loose rock with continual unevenness		12" or taller, loose rocks, exposure to drops and excessive heat >90F

trail safety

- Bring ample water and a cell phone.
- Be aware of extreme heat:
 - Limit activity to the cooler parts of the day.
 - Wear light colored clothing, a hat, & sunscreen.
 - Leave your dog at home.
- Wear sturdy footwear.
- Tell a friend or family member where you are going and when you plan to return.
- Leave valuables at home, or lock them out of view in your trunk.

Per Chapter 21 of Scottsdale Revised Code

- Stay on designated and posted trails.
- No smoking, fireworks, or open flame.
- No motor vehicles except in designated parking areas.
- Dogs must be on a physical leash at all times, and owners must possess a waste container & immediately pick up all waste and deposit in a trash receptacle.
- Do not disturb wildlife or alter, deface, place or remove any materials, including rocks, animals or vegetation, alive or dead.
- No alcohol or glass containers.

trail etiquette

- Be considerate of other trail users - you are all here for the same reason.
- Downhill traffic should yield to uphill traffic.
- All trail users should yield to horses.
- Bicyclists should yield to all other users.
- When approaching horses, make your presence known with a soft voice, and follow the instructions of the rider.
- Always travel at safe speeds.
- Do not use trails when wet or muddy.
- Sound travels far in the desert environment, so please speak quietly.



Know Your Ability and Choose the Right Trail

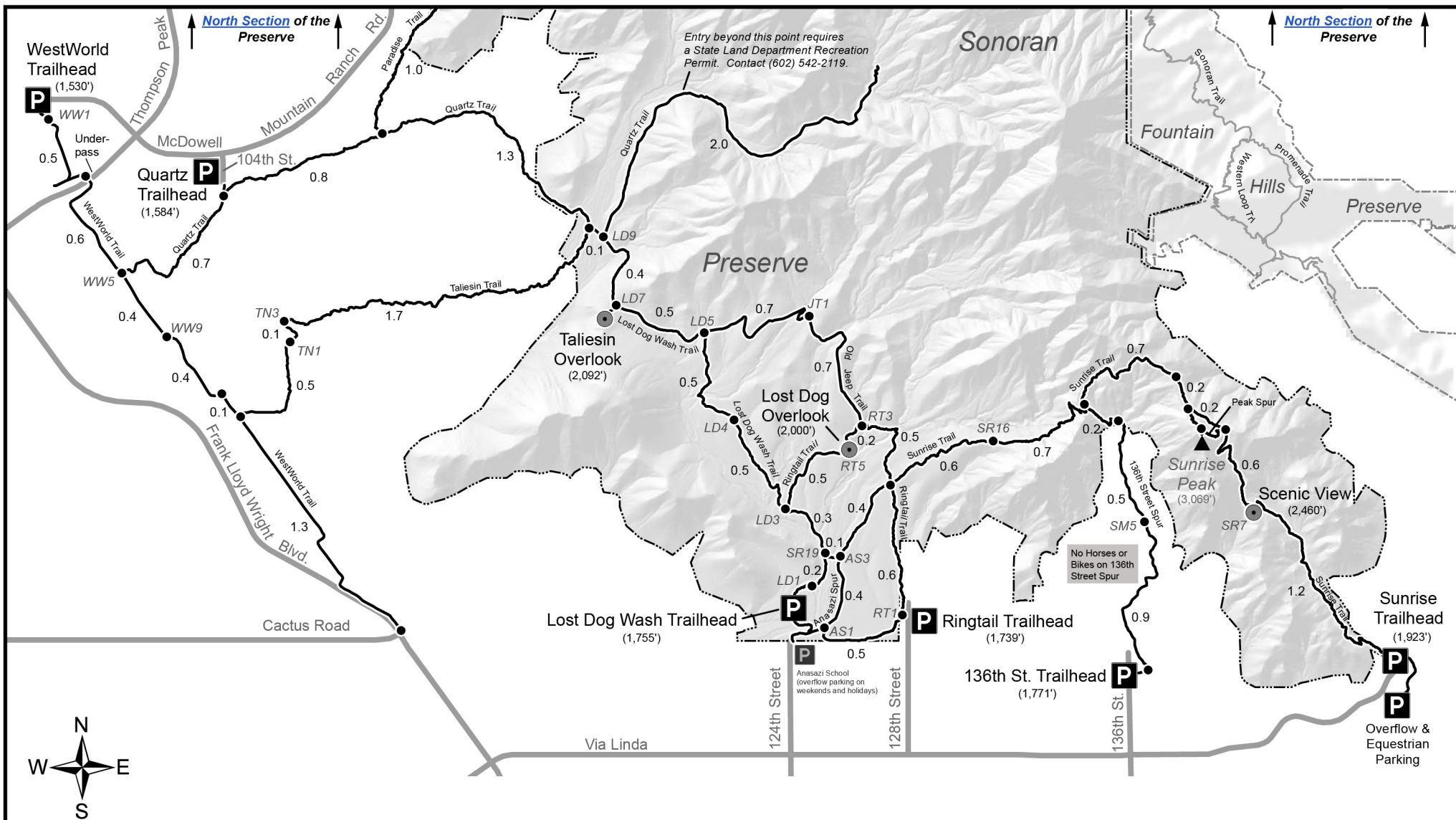
Every year, more than 200 people have to be rescued while hiking in parks and preserves. Make an informed decision on which trail to hike. Choose a trail that is within your ability and your hike will be more enjoyable.

Be sure to ALWAYS:

1. Stay on designated trails.
2. Tell someone where you are hiking and when you expect to return.
3. Carry enough water for your entire hike. Remember water for your dog.
4. When your water is 1/2 gone, turn around and return to the trailhead .
5. Carry a cell phone.
6. Don't hike alone.
7. Wear appropriate footwear and clothing for hiking.
8. Use maps, know where you are going and what kind of terrain you are hiking on.

For more information go to:

phoenix.gov/parks/trails, scottsdaleaz.gov/trails, glendaleaz.com/parksandrecreation/trails, tempe.gov/parks,
maricopa.gov/parks, fh.az.gov/trails-preserve, maricopa-az.gov



City of Scottsdale's McDowell Sonoran Preserve

Northern Trails

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|  Trails |  Parking |
|  Emergency Markers |  Scenic Points |
|  Peaks |  Streets |

Trailhead Addresses
 Gateway - 18333 N. Thompson Pk. Pkwy.
 Tom's Thumb - 23015 N. 128th St.

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